Steps taken to Encourage Disabled Children to Attend Schools

2747. SHRI JOYANTA ROY: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of disabled children attending schools in comparison to normal children;

(b) the steps taken by Government to encourage disabled children to attend schools; and

(c) whether Government will introduce special facilities for those in wheel chairs and suffering from various other forms of disability?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) A statement is annexed (*See* below).

(b) The following are the major schemes under which the disabled children are encouraged to attend the schools:—

(i) Assistance to Organisations for disabled persons;

(ii) Establishment and Development of Special Schools; and

(iii) Integrated Education Scheme for Disabled Children.

(c) Although no specific proposal is under consideration of the Government to provide special facilities to the disabled children in wheel chairs, the schools meant for the Handicapped Children who receive grant-in-aid from the Government are expected to have such special facilities.

Statement

Shri Joyanta Roy regarding steps taken to encourage disabled children to attend Schools

According to the survey conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation in 1991, the educational level of disabled children in rural and urban areas is as follows:—

(Per thousand population)

	Not literates	Upto Primary level	Middle level	Secondary level and above
Rural	701	203	53	35
Urban	462	298	110	123

As per the Selected Educational Statistics 1993-94, brought out by the Ministry of Human Resources Development, the gross enrolment ratios for the year 1993-94 were as follows:—

Primary (1 to 5)	104.5
Upper Primary (5 to 8)	67.7

NOTE: The gross enrolment ratio is defined as the percentage ratio of the enrolment in the respective classes to the estimated child population in the corresponding age groups.

Accidents in Visakhapatnam Steel Plant

2748. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of industrial accidents that had taken place in Visakhapatnam Steel Plant and the number of persons killed during the last three years.

(b) the reasons for occurrence of these accidents and the total quantum of loss suffered by the VSP; and

(c) the remedial measures proposed to be taken to check recurrence of such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Details of Industrial Accidents that took place at Visakhapatnam Steel Plant

during the last three financial years are furnished below:—

Year	Regular Employees			Contractors' workers		
	Fatal	Reportable (Non-fatal)	Total	Fatal	Reportable (Non-fatal)	Total
1992-93	6	231	237	3	4	7
1993-94	2	168	170	4	8	12
1994-95	Nil	139	139	4	10	14

The above data excludes Load/Vehicular Accidents.

(b) The reasons for occurrence of accidents have been interalia; slips and falls, electrical causes, Hot Metal burns, injuries from other objects, hit by moving and falling objects, struck against objects, pressed between objects etc.

There was no loss of production/ property attributable to these accidents.

(c) Remedial actions taken/being taken by Visakhapatnam Steel Plant to prevent/ minimise such accidents are briefly listed below:

(i) all accidents, major or minor, are immediately investigated;

(ii) regular shop-floor inspections are done with the object of identifying and removing unsafe conditions and strictly enforcing use of safety appliances;

(iii) a major thrust is being given to safety education and training of regular as well as contractors employees, for example:

1. all new entrants are given safety induction training.

2. a 3-Tier training programme on safety in material Handling is being conducted on a continuing basis every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

(iv) VSP has a unique safety incentive scheme whereby employees in specified department get a cash benefit of Rs. 75/- P.M. for achieving a 'Zero' Reportable Accident in any month, additional incentive is given for a 'Zero' fire incident during the month;

(v) Safety conciousness is being encouraged through 39 Departmental Safety Committees and an Apex Control committee on which workers and Management are equally represented;

(vi) safety promotional activities like safety weeks, inter-departmental House Keeping competitions and other safety competitions are held through out the year;

(vii) high quality safety appliances conforming to BIS specifications are supplied free to all employees;

(viii) movement of heavy vehicles and material handling vehicles has been restricted during certain specified timings at the beginning and end of shifts so as to reduce vehicular accidents;

(ix) frequent campaigns are also made to encourage drivers of 2-wheelers to wear crash-helmets.

Shortage of Urea

2749. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the farmers are facing shortage of urea in the country;

(b) if so, the present state-wise